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## Newsletter No 8

### Monday 17 May 2021

Character, Excellence, Community

**Term 2 Theme:** God is Loving.  
**Values:** Compassion, Cooperation  
**Threads:** Embracing diversity, Loving God by loving our neighbour, Shaping culture, Overcoming setbacks  
**Key Competencies:** Participating and contributing, Managing Self. Relating to others.

#### Our Mission Statement:

**For each learner the school community will provide quality learning opportunities that encourage Christian perspectives and affirm Biblical principles.**

#### Memory Verse for 2021

"In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Roman 12:5

#### Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau

Many exciting things have happened since the beginning of the term. Our Year 3-4 basketball team have played their first games, Year 4-8 students attended Tri-Activate and our Kapa Haka uniform has progressed significantly. Thank you to all those who have been involved in making these events happen.

Education is by definition transformative. We are privileged as a Christian school to be able assist transformation of students spiritually, as well as academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. We can be deliberate about calling out and living Christian values. "Paul challenges us in Romans 12 to take our everyday ordinary life – our eating, sleeping, going to work/school and walking around in life – and place it before God as an offering ... not being so well adjusted to our culture that we might fit in without thinking" (*The Mount Evelyn Christian School Teaching and Learning Team, 2014*). How wonderful to be able to encourage living Christian values to help students live lives that please God. Sports is one of many ways that provides opportunity for students to apply Christian values and we see this happening at Miramar Christian School.

#### Welcome



It is exciting to welcome our 10<sup>th</sup> student for 2021 to Miramar Christian School. We welcome Davey and pray God's richest blessing on her and her whanau, and that she quickly feels settled and appreciated here.

#### Bi-Election

Thank you to all those who voted. Voting has now closed. The bi-election results candidates will be announced on Wednesday 19 May 2021.

#### Firewise Unit

Students have nearly completed their fire safety unit. As part of this, a booklet asking families to create a fire safety plan has gone home. If you have not worked on this with your children yet we would like to encourage you to do so.

#### Kapa Haka Uniforms - Working Bee Date

Thank you to those who helped in today's working bee. Skirts and tops have been sewn, domes have been hand sewn on to trim, belts have been woven. If you are



available to help complete this work, please let us know. Boys will wear a flax belt/cummerbund with their PE uniform. Girls will wear a black wrap around skirt and black top with feather trim and a matching flax belt/cummerbund (as



per the attached photo). The uniforms will first be worn in Week 8 (on the morning of Friday 25 June) when our school will join all other schools on the Peninsular, for a Kapa Haka concert at the ASB. We will have a blessing for them before the concert.

#### Lower North Island Christian Schools 2021 Annual Sports Day 21 May – Y4-8

We are excited to be attending the NZACS Lower North Island Christian Schools 2021 Annual Sports Day this Friday. This sports day is held in Palmerston North and is attended by students from Christian Schools from the lower north island. **All forms for this trip are due back tomorrow (Tuesday 18 May 2021).** Thank you to the parents who have offered to help with transport and supervision.

#### Basketball Team



Well done to our basketball team who played their first two games last week, but played well as a team and won both games!!

Thank you so much to Jonathan Tay and Mr Reid for organising this.



### Tri-Activate Trip Year 4-8

Year 4-8 students had fun at the ASB and Kilbirnie Skating Rink. It was wonderful to have many of you join Kauri for this experience. Thank you, Mr Reid, for organising this trip.



### Uniform

In Terms 2 and 3 students wear winter uniform. Physical Education (PE) uniform is to be worn on Tuesday and Friday. It will also be worn by the Y4-8 students this Wednesday for their EZ Netball trip at ASB.

### Trialling new bell times – Morning tea and Lunch

To assist with smooth transitions in learning this term, we are trialling new bell times for Morning Tea at 10:30-10:55am and 12:30-1:25pm for lunch. Beginning and end of day bells will stay the same. At the end of this term please let us know if you have any feedback on these changes.

### Prayer points: -

#### Thank God:

- For our new student, this term.
- For a great start into basketball for our new team.
- For the multiple activities, our students have the opportunity to engage in this term.
- For those who have gone before us and established our school.
- For all the good things God has planned for us.

#### Please pray:

- For a new wave of students in Term 2.
- For fun and safety on our trip to Palmerston North for the NZACS Lower North Island Christian Schools Sports Day.
- That Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community.
- For a volunteer to complete grant applications on behalf of Miramar Christian School.
- That 2021 would be a year marked with joy in the Miramar Christian Community.
- For God's direction, wisdom, anointing and protection on the work of our staff (teachers, teachers' aides, principal, and office manager), families and students.

### Prayer Students

- For our prayer students and their families: -  
**Week 3:** Tanikah, Dylan, Jesse, Daniel  
**Week 4:** Miana, Rebecca, Amia-Rose, Zeanelle

I thank you for your on-going support. If we can help you with questions or concerns relating to your child's education, please see your child's class teacher or contact me (Kaye Gillies) on 021 293 5390. If you need privacy and/or a longer conversation, please book a time to talk with your classroom teacher or myself. We are here for you.

Please note an official copy of our complaint's procedure is attached.

Shalom and Ngā Mihi

**Kaye Gillies**

**Principal**

## SCHOOL DIARY

<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Assembly 2:30</b>
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Subway ordered lunch (optional)</b>
<b>Every Tues/Fri</b>	<b>Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform</b>
<b>Every Thurs</b>	<b>Technology (Yrs 7-8) 8.50 pick up</b>
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform Music Lessons, 8:30am-10:45am</b>
<b>Every Sun</b>	<b>10am Gateway Baptist – all welcome</b>
<b>MAY</b>	
Mon 17 May	Kapa Haka Working Bee
Mon 17 May	School Board Mtg, 6:30pm, Rm 3
Tues 18 May	No ASB this week
Tues 18 May	Basketball – 4:30pm vs Berhampore Karaka
Wed 19 May	Y4-8 EZ Netball @ ASB
Wed 19 May	School Board Bi-election Results announced
Thurs 20 May	<b>8:50am</b> Technology Bus (Y7-8)
Thurs 20 May	Kapa Haka p.m.
Fri 21 May	Y4-8 NZACS Sports Day in Palm. Nth.
Fri 21 May	<b>NO PIANO LESSONS</b>
Mon 24 May	Piano Lessons (make up lesson from Fri 21 May)
Mon 24 May	Fireman Visiting MCS
Mon 24 May	Sharing Assembly 2:30pm
Tues 25 May	ASB p.m.
Thurs 27 May	Fire Truck visit (tbc)
Fri 28 May	Heart Foundation a.m.
Fri 28 May	Mufti Day (bring a gold coin donation)
Mon 31 May	No School – Teacher Only Day
<b>JUNE</b>	
Tues 1 Jun	ASB p.m.
Mon 7 Jun	No School – Queens Birthday Weekend

### After School Care

We have been informed the after-school club "East Care After Three (ECAT)" located at the Miramar Community Centre is no longer operating. We have been able to source an alternative option for after school care for anyone who may require it. "Kids Hub Wellington" operates out of Miramar North School and will pick up children from Miramar Christian School and take them to Miramar North School. For more details email [kidshubwellington@gmail.com](mailto:kidshubwellington@gmail.com) or go to <https://kidscommunityhub.co.nz/after-school-care>.

## Autumn lunchbox

**Meatballs and pasta:** Wholemeal pasta with tomato-based sauce, meatballs and vegies

**+** Choose one or more from **each** group to have on the side:

Cooked broccoli and/or cooked pumpkin

Pear and/or kiwi fruit

Cheese and/or yoghurt

Rice cake and peanut butter

\*You may like to add an ice pack to keep the lunchbox cool.

For more information visit [heartfoundation.org.nz](http://heartfoundation.org.nz)

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

# Power House

## kids club

For kids 4-12 years old

**Fridays 3-5pm**

Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | gatewaybaptist.org.nz | families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz | ph 022 401 5720

**Fridays 3-5pm**  
(Come straight from school)

7 May  
14 May  
21 May  
28 May

No Kids club on Friday 4 June  
(Queen's Birthday weekend)

11 June  
18 June  
25 June  
2 July

No Kids club on Friday 9 July  
Sat 17 July: Movie + Pizza night

Hey parents, we're keen for you to stay and join in the fun! Tea + Coffee available!

This FREE programme is run by **Ben Edwards**  
Children, Youth & Families Pastor  
Gateway Baptist Church  
with the assistance of Church Volunteers

Any questions? Ring Ben on 022 401 5720

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**Parent Help** For Christ and Family Support

## FREE PARENTING HELPLINE

aggression • jealousy • sibling rivalry  
social difficulties • lying • parenting alone  
separation anxiety • early puberty

... and anything else you're struggling with

**PARENTING STRATEGIES  
SUPPORT & REASSURANCE  
EXPERT ADVICE**

NO ISSUE IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL

HELPLINE | COUNSELLING | WORKSHOPS

**0800 568 856**  
www.parenthelp.org.nz

# BIGAIR GYMSPORTS

Come and find out why Bigair's classes are so popular & beneficial for children!

Children LOVE learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR GYMS Classes!

Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus determination and self-confidence as they achieve new skills! BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINE, RECREATIONAL CHEERLEADING, TUMBLING & FREE RUNNING (parkour) classes are excellent for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, fundamental skills, right through to more advanced skills, such as summersaults and twisting.

Bigair Gym is a pristine, exciting, kid friendly, state of the art gym facility! Our experienced coaches run structured & fun gym classes, which follow a gym programme. We also do **BIGAIR BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

**Please contact:** Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: phone 383 8779 or email [wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz)



## BIG BANG SERIES

### DIRT DUATHLON

NAVIGATE ON FOOT AND BIKE, DAY & NIGHT

Have you got one of those kids who loves to be outside, has a thirst for biking, loves a day out, is just an all-round outdoor enthusiast and a good egg? Well bring



them along to the Dirt Duathlon adventure racing series. June, July and August 2021 based between Wellington and the Horowhenua. Each event is approx. 3-4hrs. Minimum age is 10 and must be accompanied by an adult. This is some serious fun!

[www.dirtduathlon.co.nz](http://www.dirtduathlon.co.nz)

### Wellington Harrier Athletic Club

Our club days are Saturdays, we meet at Wellington Harrier Clubrooms on Alexandra Road Mount Victoria, at 2 pm.

New members are welcome, we have social and competitive memberships.

We have Saturday club runs, mid-week training, club races and there is an interclub competition.

We also assist with training for primary/intermediate age children competing in the school's cross-country competition.

Our coaches are qualified, and Athletics NZ accredited

For more information please contact:

Julie Richards, 0212959026, [juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk)

**PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES  
WINTER HOLIDAYS AT SOUTH WELLINGTON  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
(BERHAMPORE) AND OTARI SCHOOL (WILTON)**

12<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2021 from 7.00am-6pm

daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking, Keep Fit Karapu Fitness, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81.04/cub per session or \$137.77 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$324.16 per cub/week or \$551.07 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

**Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U or register**

**online: [www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz](http://www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz) or visit our**

**Facebook page:**

[www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare](http://www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare)